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Martens Denies Perjury Charge In Garrison Probe

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Neatly dressed 24-year-old Layton Patrick Martens, one of the minor characters in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, stood before a criminal judge yesterday and pleaded not guilty to perjury charges.

Martens, a music education major at the University of Southwestern Louisiana at Lafayette, was indicted this month by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

The indictment charged Martens, once the roommate of David W. Ferrie, lied to the grand jury. "The allegation in the indictment that I testified untruthfully is, in itself untrue," said Martens yesterday.

His apperance before the grand jury came in connection with the investigation of the 1961 theft of explosives from a bunker near Houma, La.